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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED IN SC JAN 17 BY
AMB. SCALI DURING DISCUSSION OF RES INCORPORATING CHINESE
AS WORKING LANGUAGE OF SC.

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MR. PRESIDENT, COLLEAGUES, ON THIS FIRST DAY IN NEW YORK

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AFTER AN ENFORCED ABSENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY

HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE MANY FRIENDS HERE AND AMONG THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY GENERALLY WHO SO KINDLY COMMUNICATED THEIR GOOD WISHES AT THE TIME OF MY ILLNESS, SUBSEQUENT OPERATION AND DURING THE PERIOD OF MY CONVALESCENCE. AT SUCH A TIME THE MORAL SUPPORT OF ONE'S FRIENDS IS A POTENT SECRET INGREDIENT INFLUENCING YOUR VIEW AS YOU REFLECT ON THE PAST AND THE FUTURE THAT YOU AND MANKIND FACE, AND I SHALL NOT FORGET HOW MANY OF YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO EXTEND YOUR HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

HAPPILY, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS FIRST OCCASION FOR YOU TO PRESIDE OVER THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS ONE FOR DEALING WITH A NON-CONTENTIOUS MATTER. HAPPILY, THE UNITED STATES VIEWS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE ARE WELL KNOWN AND I AM NOT OBLIGED TO REPEAT THEM NOW. THERE IS NO SIGN OF OPPOSITION FROM ANY QUARTER. THEREFORE, THERE REMAINS FOR ME ONLY THE PLEASURABLE DUTY OF WELCOMING FIVE NEW COLLEAGUES TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. TO THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF CAMEROON, COSTA RICA, IRAQ, MAURITANIA AND BYELORUSSIA, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A PERSONAL WELCOME AND TO REAFFIRM MY DESIRE AND THAT OF MY DELEGATION TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY AND REALISTICALLY TO MAKE THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONTINUE AS A VITAL ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO MY DELEGATION'S USUAL ROLE OF AVOIDING HONORIFIC COURTESY STATEMENTS, WHICH SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO US, BECOME OVER-LONG AND DELAY THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL. QUITE SIMPLY, IT WANT TO SAY HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE THAT THE COUNCIL BEGINS THE NEW YEAR UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP. LIKE OTHERS AT THIS TABLE, MY DELEGATION IS WELL AWARE OF YOUR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COSTA RICA, IN THIS HEMISPHERE, AND ON THE OWRLD STAGE. YOUR ELOQUENT REMARKS TODAY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN HEADING THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL TO THIS POINT ARE EVIDENCE THAT A BRIGHT NEW CHAPTER IN THE ANNALS OF YOUR CAREER IS CURRENTLY BEING WRITTEN. UNQTE.
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